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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3738

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 101.0078-00000
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Gary K. Michelson) Confirmation No 5619
Serial No.: 09/593,591)
Filed: June 13, 2000)
For: MANUFACTURED MAJOR LONG) Group Art Unit: 3738
BONE RING IMPLANT SHAPED) Examiner: P. Prebilic
TO CONFORM TO A PREPARED)
INTERVERTEBRAL)
IMPLANTATION SPACE)

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of February 6, 2004, the period for reply having been extended for two (2) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 34 of this paper.

Amendment 6-14-04